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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Yoshihiko MAKINO, et al. Group: 1655  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D. C. 20231

**PETITION FOR THREE MONTH EXTENSION**

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2001. Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$920.00.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1529.

Respectfully submitted,

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